25th April 1947]

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the appointments of District Fire Officers recently made were advertised in papers? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I am not aware of the details, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, how many of those appointed are trained in fire service and how many are untrained? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" They are all untrained and they are now being trained in the Training School."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I give the information to the Hon. Minister that both trained and untrained candidates applied for these posts. May I know whether the Government satisfied themselves why untrained candidates should be appointed when trained candidates were available?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not know whether there were trained candidates in sufficient numbers?"

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Hon. Minister look into this matter, Sir."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Yes, Sir."

Midsummer vacation to Courts.

* 169 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Home Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the period during which—

(i) the High Court, Madras;
(ii) the City Civil Court, Madras;
(iii) the Court of Small Causes, Madras;
(iv) the District Courts in the Province;
(v) the Subordinate Judges' Courts in the Province; and
(vi) the District Munsifs' Courts in the Province;

remain closed for mid-summer vacation;

(b) in case there is disparity between the periods during which these courts remain closed, what is the justification for such disparity; and

(c) what steps the Government propose to take to remove the disparity, if any?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" (a) (i) About seventy days.

(ii) *to* (v) One month and twenty-six days.

(vi) Five weeks and three days.

" (b) As Judges of the superior courts are generally older men and as the work they have to do is more difficult and exacting, the Government consider that they need a longer vacation to recover from the strain of the work.

" (c) Does not arise in view of the answer to clause (b)."